NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, POLITICS DEPARTMENT

UN PEACEKEEPING AND STATEBUILDING

Fall 2005 Syllabus
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Course Objectives:

This course provides an introduction to peacekeeping and statebuilding – overlapping and inter-related activities involving the use of international security and civilian assets to help states and societies recover after war. The course has the following premise: that international actors will continue to be called upon, perhaps increasingly so, to guarantee the peace, assist recovery and in extremis operate as de facto trustees in post-conflict or state failure contexts.

The goal of the course is to give students a better understanding of the history, politics, and operational realities of peacekeeping and statebuilding. The course provides a mix of background and thematic lectures, and case specific lectures. An important part of the course will be a student practicum which will occupy the last few sessions, and will give students a chance to work through a series of policy issues and dilemmas that typically confront UN or international peacekeepers as they engage in post-conflict state-building activities.

Course Materials and Requirements:

Please see attached syllabus. Materials can be found in the library and on the web. All readings should be done in advance.

Attendance and Lateness Policy:

Registered students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Since lateness is disruptive to all in attendance, we strongly urge that – barring exceptional circumstances – students arrive by class start time and remain until the period ends.

Tests, Papers and Class Presentations:

There will be no tests for this course. Students will be expected to prepare a paper, and deliver an oral report, as part of a student practicum. Specifics requirements for these will be given out
during the semester. Grades will be assigned on the basis of class participation, oral presentations, and the paper.

Course Schedule:

9/7/2005  Introduction: Peacekeeping from UNTSO (46) to UNMIS (06)
Lesson 1  Instructor: Bruce Jones

- William J. Durch (ed.) UN Peacekeeping, American Policy and the Uncivil wars of the 1990s. (Stimson Center 1996).

Introductions and conclusions from these volumes are required reading. Students should have constant access to these volumes, for case study and thematic reference.

9/14/2005  Issues in Peacekeeping: From Deployment to Doctrine
Lesson 2  Instructor: Bruce Jones

- Bruce Jones with Feryal Cherif, “Evolving Models of Peacekeeping” UN Department of Peacekeeping, Best Practices Unit. (http: pbpu.unlb.org/pbpu/library)

9/21/2005  No class

9/28/2005  Issues in Post-Conflict Operation
Lesson 3  Instructor: Shepard Forman

- Elizabeth Cousens and Chetan Kumar, eds, Peacebuilding as Politics: Cultivating Peace in Fragile Societies, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2001 (Introduction and Conclusions).

10/5/2005  Issues in State Building
Lesson 4  Instructor: Barnett Rubin

- Plus two or three background pieces to be named.

10/12/2005  
**Transitional Authority Operations**

Lesson 5  Instructor: Bruce Jones

- Special Issue. International Peacekeeping. Volume 9, Number 2 / Summer 2002

10/19/2005  
**Transitional Authorities: East Timor case study**

Lesson 6  Instructor: Shepard Forman


10/26/2005  
**The Role of Regional Organizations**

Lesson 7  Instructor: Shepard Forman


11/2/2005  
**Recent Reform Initiatives: From Brahimi to the High-level Panel**

Lesson 8  Instructor: Bruce Jones

- William J. Durch, Victoria K. Holt, Caroline R. Earle, and Moira K. Shanahan
- Secretary-General.

11/9/2005  
**Case Study of Regional Operations: Kosovo**
Lesson 9  Instructor: Shepard Forman

* It is suggested that students read 2-3 starred articles according to their primary interests - Dobbins and ICG will provide the historical framework for discussions, and the ICB one option for progress.

- James Dobbins et al, America's Role in Nation-building: from Germany to Iraq, RAND, 2003, pp111-128
- Alexandros Yannis, "Kosovo: the Political Economy of Conflict and Peacebuilding", in Karen Ballentine and Jake Sherman, The Political Economy of Armed Conflict: Beyond Greed and Grievance, Lynne Rienner, 2003*
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11/16/2005  Issues in Prevention
Lesson 11  Instructor: Barnett Rubin


11/23/2005  No Class (University running on a Monday schedule)

11/30/2005  Case Study in Prevention and Statebuilding: Afghanistan
Lesson 12  Instructor: Barnett Rubin


12/7/2005  Student Practicum Presentations
Lesson 13  Instructors: Bruce Jones, Shepard Forman, Barnett Rubin

12/14/2005  Student Practicum Presentations
Lesson 14  Instructors: Bruce Jones, Shepard Forman, Barnett Rubin